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Wall looks to the future

Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. Province taking cues from Alberta to ensure continued economic success

Saskatchewan is mapping out a road to prosperity that the opposition argues offers little but recycled ideas.

Premier Brad Wall has unveiled a long-term growth plan that talks about saving money from non-renewable resources, starting a new organization to build things such as roads through public-private partnerships and lowering the corporate business tax rate.

Saskatchewan's incorporated business tax rate is high at 12 per cent, he said. Alberta and B.C. are at 10 per cent.

"They're our greatest source of competition," Wall told a luncheon crowd Tuesday in Saskatoon.

"So beginning with the next budget, we will over the next two years reduce our rate from 12 per cent to 10 per cent."

Saskatchewan also plans to follow Alberta's lead when it comes to saving money from non-renewable resources, such as oil and gas.

Wall said Peter MacKinnon, a former University of Saskatchewan president, will lead the Saskatchewan Heritage Initiative, which will look at ways to use non-renewable resource revenue. Alberta has a similar fund.

"We will pay the debt off in this province and hopefully soon and that'll be a great day," said Wall.

"But what about the day after? What should we do with these revenues for future generations that we think will be there because of the vast resources we have? That long view must also shape our purpose and our vision."

Wall's vision is outlined in the 64-page document entitled Saskatchewan Plan for Growth: Vision 2020 and Beyond. It spells out six points that include investing in infrastructure, developing a skilled workforce and ensuring competitiveness.

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Criticism

- Interim Opposition NDP Leader John Nilson called the growth plan "a rehash of old ideas," referring to the failed P3 secretariat.
- Nilson said the growth plan doesn't offer anything for families in terms of housing or education. He said the references to increasing the aboriginal high school graduation rate were too brief.
- "It's a great goal, but there's no plan and that's the way the whole document was. It set out these great aspirations, but no information as to where the money was going to come from or what they were actually going to do," Nilson said at the legislature.

Premier Brad Wall addresses the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and unveils the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth at Teachers Credit Union Place in Saskatoon on Tuesday. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Golden Globes aim for double the laughs

Tina Fey, Amy Poehler to co-host award show

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Spanish capital has elevated food to an art form

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Johnny Depp getting into the book biz

Actor pledges to publish reads 'worthy of people's time'

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City candidates speak with and about youth on campus

Candidate forum and open house. Students say housing and transit issues are major concerns

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With more than 5,000 potential city voters attending the University of Regina each day, students were wondering when city candidates would give them some attention.

They got it Tuesday as the Saskatchewan Canadian Federation of Students held a candidate forum and open house for city ward and mayoral candidates to speak with students on break throughout the day.

Federation chair Paige Kezima said the numbers don't lie. With an enrollment of more than 11,000, there are lots of young and new voters looking for attention

"There are at least 5,000 Regina students and more from throughout the province who are eligible voters," she said. "That means something when you're looking at the city with 25 per cent turnout — that's a significant amount of voters here."

Mayoral candidate Tom Brown agreed with Kezima that voters at the university could make the difference come election day, Oct. 24.

"This is Regina's most important election. The next four years are coming right now," he said Tuesday. Ward 5 candidate Femi Ogunrinde agreed.

"Now is the time," he said.

Kezima said housing — both affordability and availability — was the main issue amongst the student body.

"Housing is a big issue here. Transit is also a high one."

The event was the first of three candidate events happening this week. Wednesday afternoon sees the Canadian Federation of Students host a mayoral candidate debate at the University of Regina, and Thursday morning brings another mayoral debate at the Regina and District Chamber of Commerce's keynote breakfast at the Conexus Arts Centre.

Regina Ward 5 candidate Femi Ogunrinde, left, and mayoral hopeful Tom Brown share some thoughts at the University of Regina Tuesday. The pair took part in a youth forum designed to get candidates thinking about youth issues and the power of youth voters. ROB BROWN/METRO

Regina ranks high for entrepreneurship

Entrepreneur Sarah Clemens is the owner of Kneaded Gluten Free Bake Shop (3725 Pasqua St.) which opened this summer. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Regina is one of the hottest places to be if you're an entrepreneur.

The Queen City was ranked third in the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses' Communities in Boom survey for top entrepreneurial cities in Canada.

The survey, released Monday, puts Saskatoon in the No. 2 spot and Grande Prairie in the top spot.

Sarah Clemens is one such entrepreneur who has taken advantage of the great opportunities Regina is providing. She opened Kneaded Gluten Free Bake Shop on June 29 of this year and says her business has taken off.

"I would say Regina is really good for small businesses," said Clemens. "You see owners of all ages too, everyone kind of has their own thing and either start their own businesses or buy one."

"I think it all comes down to opportunity," said John Hopkins, CEO of the Regina Chamber of Commerce. "There is a lot of opportunity for people in Saskatchewan so I am not surprised that we are doing really well on that list."

Still, Hopkins points out that Regina's small business owners face serious issues.

"The issues that we are confronting now are issues of growth," said Hopkins. "We need to look at where the labour force of today and tomorrow will come from."

"Closely related to that is the issue of where will people live now that we are attracting more people to move to Regina," Hopkins added.

For her part Clemens just seemed happy to be able to do what she loves.

"If you want to do it go for it," said Clemens. "It is a lot of work at first, long hours and low pay for the owner but if you love it then it's the way to go."

JEFF MACKEY/REGINA

White City

Province puts $14M toward school

The Saskatchewan government is putting $14 million toward the construction of a second elementary school in White City.

Education Minister Russ Marchuk made the announcement at a groundbreaking ceremony for the $22 million school Monday afternoon.

Emerald Ridge Elementary School will accommodate 475 students in kindergarten to Grade 8, as well as 50 early learners.

It will have shared spaces where children can learn in groups. The school is slated to open in 2014.

Since taking power in 2007, the Saskatchewan Party government has invested about $500 million in just over 900 school capital projects.

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CSI

Criminal insect-evidence talk

Murder and maggots will be front and centre Wednesday in Regina.

The University of Regina will host Dr. Gail Anderson from the Simon Fraser University School of Criminology Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Anderson will use true case histories to examine how insects appear on dead bodies at predictable rates and in predictable sequences. She will also explore the use of forensic entomology.

Due to disturbing content, the lecture is not recommended for those younger than 16 except with parental consent.

Anderson's lecture will take place 7:30 p.m. Wed., Oct 17 in the education building at the University of Regina's main campus.

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Highway 55

Man dead after crash with moose

A man has died on a highway after hitting a moose. Mounties were called to the crash on Highway 55, about 35 kilometres north of Big River, early Monday. Police say it appears a truck hit a moose, rolled and burst into flames. An autopsy will be performed to identify the victim. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sound off on the State of Saskatchewan

Premier Brad Wall revealed Saskatchewan's new Plan for Growth at the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce luncheon and State of the Province Address in Saskatoon Tuesday. Metro reached out to residents and asked: "How do you feel about the direction Saskatchewan is taking?"

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Peter Bindle: Works at Athabasca University

"I'd say the province is doing pretty positively. With all of our economic growth, and the resources up north, it's pretty easy for anyone to take the province in a good direction. We're a 'have' province for the first time and I think that's a good thing."

Kyla George: Street performer

"I personally think that God's in control of everything and our province is doing well because there's a lot of Christian people in this province that maintain their godly lifestyles, and nothing we can really do is going to change God's plan for what's happening in our province."

Sam Khan: Regina businessman

"The province is doing well. There are lots of opportunities and it is a welcoming place. Regina's and Saskatoon's size are appealing to people. The province is very pro-business compared to others in Canada. There is still room for new ideas in Saskatchewan."

Rita Panapasa: First-year arts student at U of R

"There is a cool energy here. What attracted me here was it is a youthful province and a welcoming community."

Shahrukh Mukhtar: Computer science student at U of R

"It is a busy province — everything you need is here. Good for business, students, and the economy is going up. Only good for the market."

Elizabeth Teliz-McQuarrie: Regina resident

"Jobs brought us here, but we have stayed because of the people in the province. There is opportunity in Saskatchewan for our kids."

Ross King tackles da Vinci myths in Leonardo and the Last Supper

With his new book, Leonardo and the Last Supper, Saskatchewan-born author and art historian Ross King says he "wanted to part the curtains of myth" surrounding the painter and his influential mural.

One of those myths is that the same model served as both Christ and Judas for Leonardo da Vinci's late 15th-century work, which is in the refectory of the Santa Maria della Grazie convent in Milan.

"That story is patently false, it was an invention of the late 19th century," said King, whose book is short-listed for a Governor General's Literary Award, in a recent phone interview.

His book details the process behind the creation of the mural, from the sketching, to the building of scaffolding, to the plastering and the type of paint and tools he used.

It also speculates on why da Vinci positioned the figures the way he did, why he made them gesture the way they do, and how his vegetarian diet influenced the food featured in the painting.

Saskatchewan-born author Ross King is short-listed for a Governor General's Literary Award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

King won a 2006 Governor General's Award for the French Impressionism book The Judgment of Paris and was shortlisted for last year's Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction for Defiant Spirits: The Modernist Revolution of the Group of Seven.

The winners of the Governor General's Literary Awards will be announced Nov. 13 in Montreal.

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Learning Success Today… Leading Success Tomorrow

Education Week, October 15 - 21

This year's Education Week theme looks to the future. It was carefully chosen to reflect not only the work that we have been undertaking in the ministry, but also the direction that has been taken by our school divisions and schools to improve the outcomes for Saskatchewan students. The theme ***Learning Success Today…Leading Success Tomorrow*** demonstrates that when we as leaders, parents, guardians, teachers and students put the effort into education, we are supporting our students to reach their highest potential.

Education plays a vital role in the growth and success of Saskatchewan and its students. We believe that the learning success and achievement of our young people is paramount for the future prosperity of our province. That is why the Government of Saskatchewan is embarking on a multi-year Student Achievement Initiative. For more information visit education.gov.sk.ca/student-achievement

We invite you to join in the celebration, and to highlight the theme during Education Week from October 15 to October 21, 2012.

Honourable Russ Marchuk
Minister of Education

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Hormonal Breakouts?
Not Just a Teenage Problem!

Hormonal breakouts, such as acne that is marked by pimples, whiteheads, blackheads and cysts affect many teenagers today. But teenagers are not the only ones; acne can strike adults too - more than half of all adult women and about a quarter of adult men.

As the largest organ in the body, the skin is one of the best indicators of how healthy we are on the inside. Acne can have many underlying causes including: poor digestion and dietary intake (vitamin and mineral deficiencies), food allergies, hormonal imbalances, and stress.

Many women will typically see hormonal breakouts during their menstrual cycle due to hormonal fluctuations. Estrogen dominance due to hormone replacement therapy, the birth control pill, xenoestrogens from the environment (BPA, phthalates, parabens) or a sluggish liver can also contribute to hormonal breakouts.

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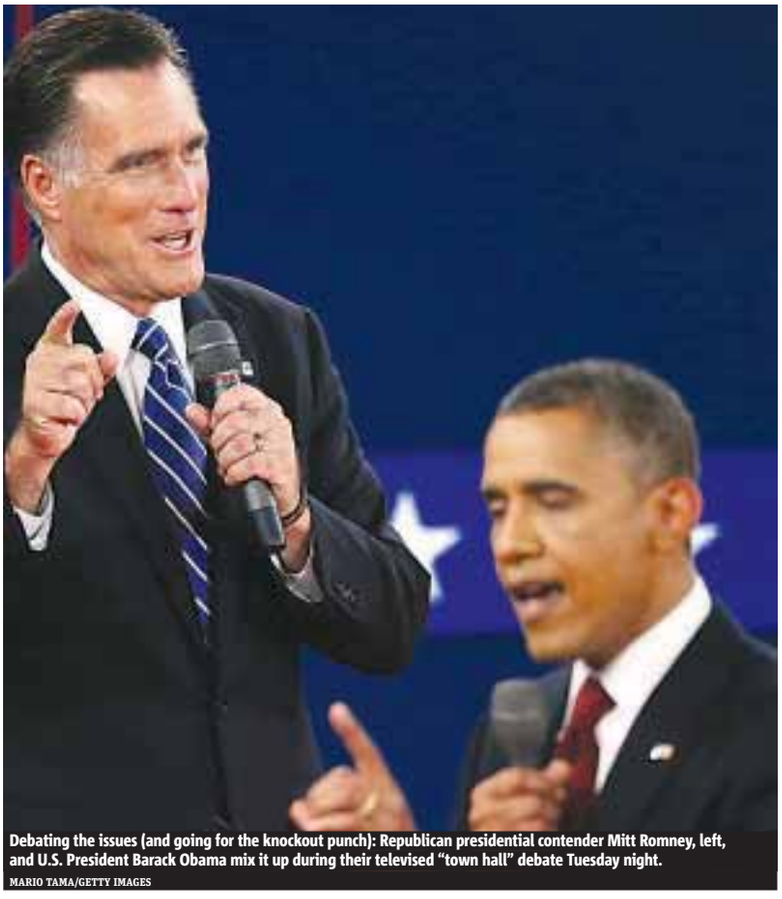

Debating the issues (and going for the knockout punch): Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney, left, and U.S. President Barack Obama mix it up during their televised "town hall" debate Tuesday night.
MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

He's awake! Obama goes on the attack in second debate

Tense faceoffs. White House contenders cross swords over jobs, domestic energy, women's rights — and that pipeline

Listless? Not anymore!

A sharper, energetic Barack Obama emerged Tuesday night in his second televised presidential debate against Mitt Romney.

As millions of viewers watched, Obama energetically got down to the business at hand — putting the brakes on his Republican rival's sudden momentum in a tense, tight race to the White House.

From the opening moments, Obama was aggressive.

Their physical encounters crackled with energy and tension, and the crowd watched raptly as the two sparred while struggling to appear calm and affable before a national television audience.

Among the tense faceoffs: Jobs, domestic energy — and TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline.

At one point, Romney strode uncomfortably close to Obama as he chastised the president for failing to greenlight the pipeline.

And seeming miffed, Romney also attempted to talk over moderator Candy Crowley, who was having none of it.

Obama and Romney also tried to appeal to female voters.

Responding to a question about pay equity for women, Obama noted that the first piece of legislation he signed made it easier for women to seek the same pay as men for doing the same work.

Romney said as governor of Massachusetts, his administration had a number of women in senior leadership positions.

He said many women have suffered job losses and moved into poverty during Obama's tenure and creating more jobs would help women.

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A new approach

It was a debate with a difference — six, in fact.

- **One.** This was a "town hall" debate where people representing a cross-section of America got to ask the questions.
- **Two.** The Gallup organization picked about 80 uncommitted voters.
- **Three.** All questioners were screened before.
- **Four.** The questioners couldn't simply raise their hands and be called at random.
- **Five.** Moderator Candy Crowley of CNN and helpers decided who asked the questions.
- **Six.** The debaters weren't moored to a lectern or table — and viewers could check out their body language.

Anonymous' suspected Todd tormentor a false tip: RCMP

This online video shows The Capper Awards. The man suspected of the blackmail that led to Amanda Todd's suicide was awarded "Blackmailer of the year" in 2010 after extorting a user identified as Peyton. SCREEN GRAB

Amanda Todd suicide. Group's allegation 'unfounded,' police say, though cited user has history of blackmail, perversion

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

Allegations by an online hacker group that identified a Vancouver-area man as the tormenter of B.C. teen Amanda Todd were "unfounded," according to police.

Todd, 15, committed suicide last week after suffering years of bullying and online sexual exploitation. In September the teen had posted a video on YouTube in which she described how she showed her breasts to an unknown man over a webcam. She said the man then threatened to send the pictures to friends and family unless she "put on a show" for him.

Although police said Tuesday the claims by Anonymous were false, the web handle cited in the hacker group's posting has a disturbing Internet history with links to the same kind of online exploitation to which Todd was a victim.

In 2010, the username had been nominated as "Blackmailer of the year" in the online Capper Awards, which celebrate a perverted subculture where people called cappers get young girls they call "cam whores" to expose themselves on webcams.

The username was nominated for allegedly blackmailing a different girl, identified as "Peyton." Other awards went to the "cam whore of the year" and "Capper of the year."

In the video on YouTube, a mechanized voice of the cartoon host of the 2010 Capper Awards nominations announces the "Blackmail" category. "This one is for the rapist of the Internet," it says.

"(The user), famous for his blackmail of Peyton, streaming her videos on BlogTV and Tinychat and threatening her in public," says the host.

An earlier video called "The Daily Capper" shows a mock news account of the accused blackmailer streaming the explicit videos of Peyton in December 2010.

"The first part shows Peyton in bra and the second in panties," says a cartoon reporter. The details get more explicit.

"We return to a second room only to find a fuming Peyton demanding to know who had played videos, and threatening to call the police," the reporter says.

The fake news report says the girl told her mother and police, but it is unclear whether or not her alleged blackmailer was ever found.

The Capper Awards videos remained active on YouTube as of press time, except for one that was removed after a link to it was posted on an Amanda Todd memorial Facebook page.

Anonymous also published a link to a page on jailbaitgallery.com that shows pornographic photos of young girls with a title including the same online handle.

Thrown off course

False Internet tips impeding inquiry: Police

B.C. RCMP officers investigation the exploitation and suicide of Amanda Todd say they are being thrown off course by false tips and rumours circulating on the Internet. Sgt. Peter Thiessen said the tip from hacker group Anonymous implicating a B.C. Internet user is unfounded.

The rumour that someone released Amanda Todd's autopsy photos online was debunked by the B.C. Coroner's Service, police said. In that case, Anonymous was also said to have found the perpetrator online.

Fraudulent websites that claim to be fundraising for the Todd family have also popped up, said Thiessen.

He said there is only one real account set up by the Todd family — the RBC Amanda Todd Trust Account.

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Market Minute

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Apple

'iPad mini' may debut next week

Apple Inc. is sending out invites to reporters for an event next Tuesday, where it's expected to announce the release of a smaller iPad. Observers have said for months that Apple has an "iPad mini" in the works. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Microsoft

Surface tablet will match iPad price

Microsoft's Surface tablet computer, the company's answer to Apple Inc.'s iPad, will start at $519 in Canada when it goes on sale Oct. 26.

The price matches that of the iPad, but the base model of the Surface has twice as much storage memory: 32 gigabytes. The screen is also slightly larger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Microsoft's new Surface tablet
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Model years 2011-13

Ford recalls Fiestas over side air bags

Ford is recalling more than 154,000 Fiesta subcompacts, including 28,000 in Canada, over air bags. If the front passenger seat is empty, Ford says, the side air bag won't inflate to protect rear-seat passengers in some crashes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

iPhone maker dismisses underage factory interns

China. Labour rights group says Foxconn and vocational schools are both to blame for use of students under 16

The company that manufactures Apple's iPhone said Tuesday it found underage interns as young as 14 working at one of its factories in China.

Foxconn Technology Group said the interns were found by a company investigation at its factory in the eastern city of Yantai and were sent back to their schools. China's minimum legal working age is 16.

Foxconn said it was investigating with schools how the interns were sent to its factory. It didn't say how many underage interns it found.

"We recognize that full responsibility for these violations rests with our company and we have apologized to each of the students for our role in this action," Foxconn said in a statement. "Any Foxconn employee found, through our investigation, to be responsible for these violations will have their employment immediately terminated."

A labour rights group, China Labor Watch, said in a statement that primary responsibility lay with schools involved but "Foxconn is also culpable for not confirming the ages of their workers."
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Foxconn

- Foxconn produces iPhones and iPads for Apple Inc. and also assembles products for Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. The company gave no indication what products were made in facilities where the interns worked.

Loblaw shelves 700 head-office jobs

A Loblaws employee brings in shopping carts in Toronto in this file photo. Loblaw Co. Ltd. is cutting about 700 jobs, mostly management and administrative positions at its Toronto-area head office, in a move the grocery retailer says will reduce costs and improve efficiency. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

European officials express concern over Google's privacy policy

European regulators have asked Google to clarify its new privacy policy and make it easier for users to opt out of it because of concerns that the web giant may be collecting too much data and holding it for too long.

France's data protection agency led a European investigation into Google's new unified privacy policy, which replaces individual policies for its search, email and other services, and regulates how it uses the personal data it collects. The policy allows Google to combine data collected from one person using its disparate services, from Gmail to YouTube.

That gives Google a powerful tool for targeting the user with advertising based on his or her interests and search history. Advertising is the main way the company makes its money.

The agency outlined three main concerns about the new policy: it's not clear enough in explaining to users what data is collected and how it will be used; it's too difficult for users to opt out of data collection and combination; and Google doesn't always say how long it will hold onto data. The agency also noted that, under the new policy, Google doesn't differentiate between data collected, so a search term and a credit card number are treated the same and can be used for any purpose stated in the policy.

By the numbers

90%

France's data protection agency said that of the top 500 most-visited sites in France, 90 per cent had a link with Google. The web giant can also collect information from anyone who visits a website that has a link to its services — for example, a Google map posting.

The agency, called the French National Commission on Computing and Freedom, was careful to note that it wanted to work with Google to change the policy. "You have to understand the approach of the data protection authorities: It's not to make war with Google and to stop all innovation," said Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, the French agency's president.

This is not the first time Google has run afoul of regulators. In August, the company agreed to pay a $22.5 million fine to settle a suit brought by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. The U.S. regulator alleged that Google broke a promise not to track Web surfers who use Apple's Safari browser, as long as they didn't change the browser settings to permit the tracking. As part of a separate anti-trust investigation, the commission is also looking into whether Google abused its dominance of Internet search to stifle competition and drive up advertising prices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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The Canadian Museum of Civilization is being rebranded.

Now it's going to be the Canadian Museum of Our Own Backyard. Er, the Canadian Museum of History.

That old mandate: "To increase, throughout Canada and internationally, interest in, knowledge and understanding of and appreciation for human cultural achievements and human behaviour…"?

That's over. It's time to turn our gaze … inward.

The feds are going to spend $25 million to teach us Canadian history, no doubt because we weren't listening the first time in Grade 8.

Instead of that civilization malarkey, we'll gather all our national clichés in one convenient location: The Last Spike, Maurice Richard's hockey sweater (le pew!), and the gag reel from This Hour Has 22 Minutes. OK, so I made that last one up. But talk about historical significance.

The power of pop culture

I agree with James Moore, Minister in Charge of Turning Back the Clock, that the world needs more Canada. But we already gave the world Jim Carrey and Neil Young. What more do they want? I know. Celine Dion! We'll give them Celine Dion!

According to the usually informed but anonymous sources, the museum will focus on the Royal Family and the Canadian Military.

Tell me this is not all part of the Harper government's ongoing effort to put the 21st century back in the bottle and rewrite Canadian history. We'll know what's really going on if Museum 2.0 has a Preston Manning wing.

The new museum will use the current Museum of Civilization building, a world-class architectural homage to human civilization. Well, it will have to do. It was either that, or move it to Winnipeg, where it could take over the newly built Museum of Human Rights. After all, human rights aren't really our business, either. Let the EU or the UN or some other foreign outfit worry about that stuff.

This here's Canada. The Canada of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Robert Borden, R.B. Bennett, John Diefenbaker, Brian Mulroney and, of course, Stephen Harper. Did I leave anyone out?

Don't get me wrong. I agree with James Moore, Minister in Charge of Turning Back the Clock, that the world needs more Canada. But we already gave the world Jim Carrey and Neil Young. What more do they want? I know. Celine Dion! We'll give them Celine Dion!

We'll be able to give all these great ideas to the museum, as staff is now travelling across the country, all expenses paid, to find out what we think.

Off the top of my head, I can think of a few more suggestions: The Charter of Rights. (Too civilized? Too Liberal.) The Canadian flag? (See previous item.) The Story of Medicare? The National Wheat Board? The National Film Board? The CBC? (Hmm. There's a pattern emerging here.)

Gee, James, maybe this wasn't such a good idea after all.

New planet gets four stars!

HAVEN GIGUERE/YALE

Team's first find

Planet with 4-sun system discovered

Astronomers have discovered a new planet with a four-sun system — the first case of its type.

The planet, PH1, circles twin suns that are in turn orbited by a second distant pair of stars. The discovery was made by Planet Hunters, a Yale University-led project, in which amateur astronomers work with professional scientists to find new worlds. METRO

Astronomer's viewpoint

"The discovery of these systems forces us to go back to the drawing board to find how such planets can assemble and evolve in these dynamically challenging environments."

Meg Schwamb, astronomer at Yale University, and lead author of the report behind the discovery.

How they discovered it

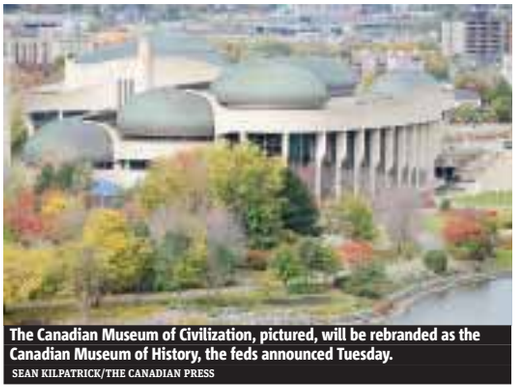
How two hobbyists found unique planet

Planet Hunters volunteers, Kian Jek of San Francisco and Robert Gagliano of Cottonwood, Ariz., spotted faint dips in light caused by the planet as it passed in front of its parent stars, a common method of finding extrasolar planets.

Their discovery was confirmed by observations from the Keck telescopes on Mauna Kea, Hawaii. METRO

5,000 light years away

- **What's in a name?** Named PH1 in honour of the Planet Hunters website.
- **Neptune-sized planet.** More than six times the radius of Earth, making PH1 slightly bigger than Neptune.
- **Not habitable.** PH1's temperature ranges from a minimum of about 251 C to a maximum of about 340 C.



The Canadian Museum of Civilization, pictured, will be rebranded as the Canadian Museum of History, the feds announced Tuesday.
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Metropolitan Panel

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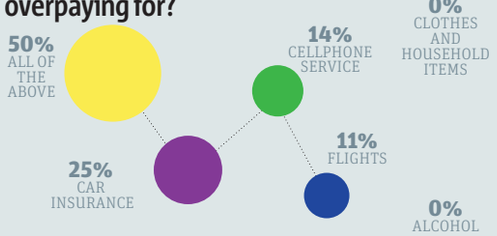
What do you feel Canadians are most overpaying for?



Twitter

@SaskSneeze: #YQR ok say I want to look like Ron Burgandy for Halloween... where would I find a good suit? Value Village?

@Rhino_Rob: Last day to get that yard work done before the rains and colder weather hits.

@saskjacqui: Where is everyone's favourite place in #yqr to get flowers delivered from?

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Tyler Perry stars in Alex Cross. HANDOUT

Meet the newest Alex Cross

Adaptation. Tyler Perry plays the lead in the latest movie based on James Patterson's novels

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If the name Alex Cross sounds familiar you're either an avid reader of crime novels or a Morgan Freeman fan.

The character is the star of 20 books by author James Patterson, two films starring Freeman and now a third, the simply titled Alex Cross, with Tyler Perry in the lead role.

In the books and films Cross is a Washington D.C. cop with a Ph.D. in psychology. In other words, as he says in Kiss the Girls, "I'm a forensic psychologist. It's a fancy way of saying I'm a guy who walks into a room like that and determines the hows and whys."

In the new film, Perry, best known as the director and star of the Madea comedies, squares off against a serial killer (Matthew Fox) who claims to have murdered one of the detective's relatives.

The first Cross novel to make the leap to the big screen was Kiss the Girls, the second book in the series. Denzel Washington was originally set to star, but dropped out due to scheduling conflicts. Morgan Freeman stepped in, starring opposite Ashley Judd.

In the film Cross's niece disappears, the likely victim of Casanova, a kidnapper and killer of young women. Aiding Cross is Dr. Kate McTiernan (Judd), a surgeon, who narrowly escaped the sadomasochist killer's grasp.

The movie was a hit with audiences, but not the critics, although Roger Ebert wrote that Freeman and Judd, "are so good, you almost wish they'd decided not to make a thriller at all… and had simply found a way to construct a drama exploring their personalities."

The movie was withheld from release in central Virginia out of respect for the families of three girls who had been murdered in the area.

Four years later, despite some reservations, Freeman reprised the role. "I didn't want to do the same thing twice," he said, adding that he changed his mind because he realized he "liked Alex Cross. And the fact that he's black is totally incidental. That's a rare thing for a black actor to find."

Along Came a Spider sees Cross solve the case of a kidnapped congressman's daughter. Once again critics hated the film — which currently sits at 32 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes — but praised Freeman's performance. New York Times scribe Elvis Mitchell called it "a classless, underdeveloped thriller," but wrote that it "couldn't be better served than it is by Mr. Freeman."

30 Rock's Tina Fey, Parks and Rec's Amy Poehler to host show

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler are teaming up for the Golden Globes.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, Dick Clark Productions and NBC announced Monday that the pair of 30 Rock and Parks and Recreation stars have signed on to host the 70th annual Golden Globes ceremony after British comedian Ricky Gervais' three-year reign as the show's acerbic emcee.

"The unparalleled comedic timing of Tina and Amy will surely have viewers wanting to tune-in to see them in action," said Takla-O'Reilly, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which honours film and TV at the Beverly Hills Hilton ceremony.

The funny lady duo previously starred together in the films Mean Girls and Baby Mama and on Saturday Night Live. They co-hosted the NBC sketch comedy series' Weekend Update segment from 2004 to 2006.

"Having both Tina Fey and Amy Poehler on board to host this year's festivities is a major coup," said Paul Telegdy, president of alternative and late night programming at NBC. "Tina and Amy have a proven chemistry and comedic timing from their many years together."

This year's Golden Globes ceremony was watched by 16.8 million TV viewers, finishing within one per cent of the 17 million viewers who tuned in to the 2011 broadcast, according to the Nielsen Co.

The Globes are usually handed out about a week before the Academy Award nominations are announced, but that won't be the case next year. The motion-picture academy has moved up the Oscar nominations announcement to three days before the Globes are set to air Jan. 13.

The earlier date for the nomination unveiling for the 85th annual Academy Awards, which will be hosted Feb. 24 by Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane, could steal attention away from the Globes.

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Funny ladies Tina Fey and Amy Poehler team up to host the Golden Globes.
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Scarlett Johansson ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Johansson calls it splits with BF after being spotted with ex Leto

Scarlett Johansson has split up with boyfriend Nate Naylor just weeks after she was spotted looking cosy with ex Jared Leto at a political event, according to Daily Mail. How official is the split? Naylor was even spotted clearing his belongings out of Johansson's New York home. "They never officially lived together, but Nate has moved all of his stuff out and back into his apartment," a source says. "The relationship is over. It has not been amicable."

Quoted

"The relationship is over. It has not been amicable."

Anonymous source, on the Johansson/Naylor split.

Ashley Greene

A penny saved a penny earned for Twilight star

Twilight star Ashley Greene has found a downside to being in the super-successful franchise: getting spoiled when it comes to travel. "Twilight has ruined me," Greene tells Marie Clare magazine. "When this is all over, flying internationally is going to be very hard for me. It is just not worth it to buy a first class ticket, because of the cost."

Worth it or not, Greene should have no trouble paying for a ticket, though, as she's been smart with her Twilight salary.

"I'm lucky because my dad taught me to be frugal and save," she says. "And that's important because I want to know that I don't have to take an acting job for two or three years if I don't want to."

The Word

Depp to launch eccentric yet dashing book imprint

THE WORD
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Celebrities are constantly launching perfumes and clothing lines. But Johnny Depp is not just any old actor. He's Johnny Depp! He's gotta do things differently! So what is the famed actor's new vanity project? Why, he's going to publish books!

According to a statement by Harper Collins, Depp is launching an imprint with the book publisher called Infinitum Nihil (translation: "nothing lasts forever"). Per the statement, Depp says, "I pledge, on behalf of Infinitum Nihil, that we will do our best to deliver publications worthy of peoples' time, of peoples' concern, publications that might ordinarily never have breached the parapet."

The imprint has already announced one book: The Untravelled Tales of Bob Dylan by the historian Douglas Brinkley, which is set for publication in 2015.

Interesting way to inject some glamour into the rather staid world of book publishing. And, hey, unlike the rest of us involved in the media world, it's not like he has to worry about the scant paycheck.

But does anyone else get the mental image of Depp editing books while dressed like a pirate and using a quill pen?

Amanda Bynes is facing charges from her driving record.

Jennie Garth's efforts to reach out to Bynes all in vain

It seems everyone is worried about troubled starlet Amanda Bynes these days, including former What I Like About You co-star Jennie Garth. "I tried reaching out to her and I haven't been able to reach her," Garth tells Us Weekly. "My heart feels for whatever she is going through and I love her dearly."

Garth isn't alone in feeling disconnected, as Bynes' parents have reportedly been getting the cold shoulder from the actress, who is facing multiple charges stemming from her dangerous driving record. "Amanda shut them out and isn't speaking to them," a source says.

Barack Obama offers his take on the American Idol judges' cat fight.

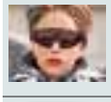
Obama offers his two cents in Carey/Minaj feud

As he continues his campaign for re-election, U.S. President Barack Obama is addressing all of the top pressing issues — including the feud between American Idol judges Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj. "I think that they are going to be able to sort it out, I am confident," Obama said during an interview with Miami's Y100 radio station. "I'm all about bringing people together, working for the same cause. I think both outstanding artists are going to be able to make sure that they're moving forward and not going backwards."

Twitter

@Joan_Rivers
I'm gaining weight while on my UK tour! I went out for tea yesterday and asked the chef what he suggested. He said, "Lap Band surgery."

@ActuallyNPH
Trying to track down a circus dog act for a party at my house. Any one have any suggestions?



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Call me crazy, but staple crops are good for the economy. And I want the lower and the middle class to eat like I do.

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Fiat ad where car drives off cliff into ocean it says "Fictionalized. Do not attempt." Thank God. I was a block away.

There is always time for tapas in Spain's capital city

Madrid. This destination offers everything from traditional fare in centuries-old buildings to the latest in innovative cuisine

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Madrid has a tempo; it's a city that lives by and for art. It's also a city where food has been elevated to an art form. Take your pick of gastronomic delights at one of the city's centuries-old restaurants, traditional tapas bars, trendy gastrobars or gourmet markets. Here's a guide to eating your way around Madrid:

Markets

Mercado de san Miguel: Built in 1916, this market has become a meeting place for foodies. You'll find everything from salted fish at Casa del Bacalao to European meats at La Boucherie. At sundown, the market turns into a hotspot for tapas, which can be washed down with a glass of Spanish red at one of its wine houses.

Mercado de San Anton and La Cocina: This new gourmet market was designed for foodies — with 14 food stalls on the first floor, and show-cooking stations and a bar for casual meals on the second floor. Head to the third floor's terrace restaurant, La Cocina, where you'll find dishes inspired by traditional Spanish cuisine. Here, sample some of the best bellota ham, aged for five years — from pigs fed a diet of acorns and aromatic herbs.

Tapas

While in Madrid, do like the locals and tapear (go for tapas) — order calamari, cod and tripe. This time-honoured tradition still stands, whether in a traditional tavern or trendy bar, where small plates of food are served with a glass of beer or wine. Some of the best traditional taverns can be found in the oldest parts of the capital, including La Latina, Cava Baja, Cava Alta and Cava de San Miguel.

Gastrobars

Head to Estado Puro, one of the city's trendiest gastrobars, where the bar is covered with transparent panels encasing flamenco dolls. The food is a contemporary twist on traditional Spanish fare — try a deconstructed tortilla in a shot glass, or foie gras served like an ice cream sandwich.

Traditional with a twist

La Capilla de la Bolsa in Madrid's Literary Quarter was once, in the Middle Ages, the Chapel of Santa Cruz, and later became home to the Madrid Stock Exchange. The restaurant has maintained the building's Baroque vault and original columns, allowing you to soak up hundreds of years of art history as you eat Mediterranean haute cuisine.

Where to stay

The boutique Hotel de las Letras combines tradition with modern flair. Built in 1917, this newly renovated, modern space has retained its mosaics, marquises, staircases and original sculptures, and each room features high ceilings, oak flooring and natural light. It's located in the Gran Via shopping district.

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The San Miguel Market is a meeting place for foodies. PHOTOS: COURTESY ESCARABAJO AMARILLO

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Enjoy some of the architecture in the Gran Via shopping district.

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New Orleans, for the ladies

Good times. Women, are you ready to live The Hangover?

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New Orleans has been a staple of bachelor parties for decades, but these days the ladies are taking over the city. An annual conference, Festigals, drew 400 people this summer for a women-only celebration. One of the premier hotels, the Windsor Court Hotel, boasts a female chef and female sommelier, together crafting elegant-tasting menus. And a walking tour of the French Quarter — led by a feisty 79-year-old female — drops in tales of women influencing the city. So what better place for a girls' getaway?

Stay out all night

Make sure to walk along Bourbon Street — even without Mardi Gras, it's a circus all its own. But locals will tip you toward Frenchmen Street, a chance to dart in and out of bars where local bands play all night long. This weekend, you could catch the Crescent City Blues and BBQ Festival. Top off any night with a visit to Cafe du Monde, open 24 hours a day, for the city's famous beignets and rich chicory coffee.

Eat your way through the city

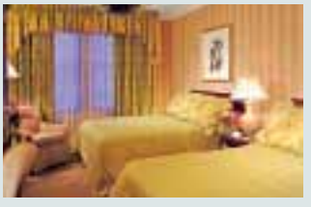
Leave the diet books at home. The waiters at legendary Arnaud's Restaurant on Bourbon Street may tell you the meals are zero calories, but that's not true — and you'll be robbing yourself of the city's best pleasures if you don't eat your way through New Orleans. The city's cuisine is incomparable — succulent shrimp often delivered straight from the Gulf, the spices are thrown together in a way New England just can't muster, and, well, what other place constantly lights its desserts on fire? The Court of Two Sisters in the French Quarter has a daily jazz brunch, with a live band in the courtyard and a shrimp-and-grits filled buffet.

Grab your shopping shoes

Explore the unique boutiques of Magazine Street, a lengthy but doable walk or a quick cab ride from the French Quarter. Places like Buffalo Exchange offer consignment-store finds, like party dresses or a floral TopShop blouse or a boom box. If your shopping can escalate to extravagant — or for a peek — stop in at M.S. Rau Antiques, where pieces range from a Russian fossilized cave bear to Monets and a vampire killing kit.

Where to stay

The Hotel Monteleone, legend says, is where the French Quarter begins. The hotel, opened by a Sicilian shoemaker more than a century ago, has hosted luminaries from Tennessee Williams to Paul Newman and Liberace. Within walking distance from delicious brunch spots and the invigorating, music-filled Frenchmen Street, the hotel is an elegant place to retire.



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Maple syrup and cinnamon bring out the sweet side of root vegetables

Baked Root Vegetables with Maple Syrup and Cinnamon

This recipe serves six. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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Baked root vegetables are a real comfort side dish during the colder months. Use other varieties of your favourite vegetables such as turnips or rutabagas. You may need to add a little more maple syrup since these vegetables tend to be less sweet.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line 2 baking sheets with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.

2. Arrange the sweet potatoes, potatoes, squash, onion, parsnips and beets in a single layer on the lined baking sheets. Lightly coat with cooking spray. Bake in the centre of the oven for about 25 to 30 minutes, turning after 20 minutes or just until browned and tender. If the trays are on separate racks, switch their positions halfway through the cooking time. Bake the beets an extra 10 minutes, or until fork tender. Place the vegetables on a large serving platter.

3. To make the dressing, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, maple syrup and cinnamon in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the roasted vegetables. Garnish with parsley and serve.

ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 1 lb sweet potatoes, unpeeled and cut into wedges
- 1 lb Yukon Gold potatoes, unpeeled and cut into wedges
- 1 lb butternut squash, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 large sweet yellow onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 2 large peeled parsnips, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 peeled beets, cut into 1-inch pieces

Dressing

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

Drink of the Week

Orange Haze for those fall nights

This not-so-kid-friendly murky and thick "orange haze" blends orange liqueur, chocolate liqueur and honey. It's perfect for the fall.

This recipe serves one.

- 3/4 oz orange liqueur
- 3/4 oz milk chocolate cream liqueur
- 1/2 tsp honey
- Orange zest, to garnish

Pour the orange liqueur into a shot glass. Very slowly pour the chocolate liqueur down the side of the glass, then drizzle the honey over the top. Garnish with orange zest.

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Becoming master of the midterm

Study these secrets.
Translating, talking and tracking down a nest all part of the perfect test strategy

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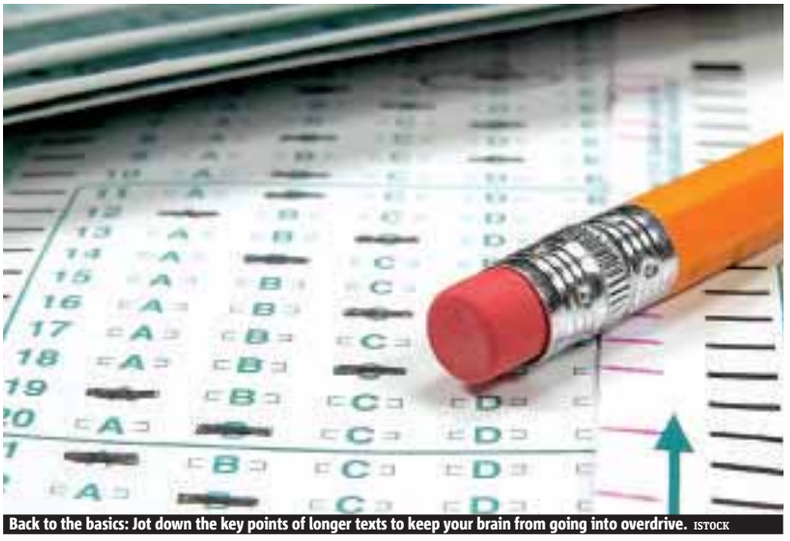

Back to the basics: Jot down the key points of longer texts to keep your brain from going into overdrive. ISTOCK

Studying can be tough — especially if you have multiple tests, exams or midterms to study for at once.

It's easy to fall asleep with your textbook on your face, or focus more on perfecting that homemade apple crisp than perfecting your math formulas.

Everyone has their own best practices when it comes to studying, so we asked around to find some common strategies for success when it comes to burying yourself in your books.

Find your study spot

The first step to successful studying is finding a spot that is study-specific and has limited distractions. You might even want to disconnect your WiFi and put your phone on airplane mode for an hour or two. Crazy, I know, but it will help you stay focused.

Review the main concepts

Reading through your notes and refreshing your memory on major concepts will make filling in the details later on that much easier. There's no sense in memorizing the dates of John Cabot's discoveries if you can't even recall what he did.

Change up the lingo

Reviewing concepts by using everyday language ensures you understand it. Furthermore, doing this helps you remember things more easily.

For example, if your philosophy textbook reads, "Relativism is the concept that points of view have no absolute truth or validity, having only relative, subjective value according to differences in perception and consideration," an easier way of saying this might be "Relativism means that your point of view is only your personal perception, and has no absolute truth or validity."

Speak out loud

Calling Helgason, a second-year Biology student at Trent University, says when she doesn't understand a concept she reads it out loud. "Talking through my notes breaks down the concepts and makes it easier to understand," she says.

This was a personal strategy of mine as well. I would pretend I was explaining something to someone else and, in turn, ended up learning it myself — a tad embarrassing when the roommates walked in, but the good grades made up for my rosy cheeks.

Take breaks

Relax to retain

- You can't run on the treadmill for hours on end and your brain can't work out for that long either. It needs a break (Tetris, anyone?) as well as hydration (water, coffee and perhaps even an ice cream cone?).
- Allow your brain time to refresh and when you come back to the books, quickly recap what you learned before your break. This will make it stick even more.

That being said, be aware of your surroundings. This might not fly too well in the quiet section of the library, but on your porch it's A-OK.

Rewrite your notes

Sandy Silveira, a student in the early childhood education program at Ryerson University, says when she studies she likes to write things out as well as saying them because it helps her remember them better.

Julie Dang, a Mathematical Science student at Western University, echoes this idea by stating that her strategy is to flip back through her textbooks and focus on everything that she highlighted when she initially did her readings. Then she writes out all the terminology and various formulas. "I do study questions over and over and over again," Julie says.

"I review my notes, and then I do more questions. Constantly practicing the formulas is the best way to remember them."

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Getting warmer: NHL budges on revenue

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, right, leaves with assistant commissioner Bill Daly after collective bargaining talks on Tuesday in Toronto. The NHL has presented a new offer to the players. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Let the serious negotiations begin.

After more than a month with no new offers being tabled in collective bargaining talks, the NHL breathed new life into the process Tuesday with a proposal that could kick-start some significant discussions.

It calls for a 50-50 split of revenues between owners and players and includes a deferred salary plan designed to ensure that players would receive all the money they've been promised in existing contracts. On top of that, the deal was drawn up with an eye to starting a full 82-game regular season Nov. 2.

"We have about nine or 10 days to get this all ... signed, sealed and delivered," said commissioner Gary Bettman, who called the proposed deal "long-term."

A lot will need to be accomplished over that period. However, the unexpected proposal offered fans the first real hint of hope since the lockout began Sept. 15.

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"I would like to believe that it will be an excellent starting point and we can go forward and see if there is a deal to be made."

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, on the league's latest proposal

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, spent Tuesday afternoon reviewing the lengthy document and held an evening conference call with about 60 players. His initial reaction to the offer was that it could provide something to work with.

It wasn't immediately clear how willing the league is to negotiate off its latest offer. The NHL's previous proposal called for the players' revenue share to fall to 47 per cent and tabled a number of restrictive rules governing contracts.

According to a source, the only one that remains in Tuesday's proposal is a maximum contract length of five years.

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Canada humbled by halftime

Soccer. National team chased from World Cup qualifying in debacle in Honduras

World Cup qualifier

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Carlo Costly, centre, celebrates after scoring while Canadians David Edgar, left, and Nikolas Ledgerwood hang their heads on Tuesday in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. ESTEBAN FELIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's World Cup dreams were snuffed out in brutal fashion Tuesday as Honduras put them to the sword 8-1 in a do-or-die qualifying match.

It's a bitter pill to swallow for a Canadian team that went into the match controlling its fate with an unswerving belief that it deserved to move on. That is until Tuesday, when the wheels came off the Canadian bus in a shocking display.

Canada entered the hostile confines of a soldout Estadio Olimpico Metropolitano in San Pedro Sula knowing that a tie or win would be enough to move on to the final round of qualifying in the CONCACAF region, which covers North and Central America and the Caribbean. The Hondurans, looking to please their fans on an extended national holiday, needed a win.

Asked if the moment had got to his team, Canadian coach Stephen Hart offered a one-word answer — "Yes."

"You're supposed to go down all guns blazing, you're supposed to fight," he added. "You're supposed to die out there.

"We were horrible.... It's disturbing to me that the team fell apart."

It was Canada's worst loss since an 8-0 drubbing in Mexico in 1993.

"We pretty much embarrassed ourselves," said midfielder Julian de Guzman.

"We were terrible.... It's an absolute low for us," added captain Kevin McKenna.

Honduras' speed and clinical finishing — combined with Canada's clown-like defending — ended the suspense early, racking up a 4-0 lead after just 32 minutes. It looked easy against a Canadian side that wasn't up to the challenge.

"We let in goals early and fell apart. Mentally and physically," said Hart.

Jerry Bengston and Carlo Costly each scored three goals for Honduras, while Mario Martinez added two of his own.

Substitute Iain Hume scored a consolation goal off a nice free kick in the 76th minute before Bengston restored the six-goal cushion six minutes later as the Canadian defence crumbled around him. Costly then scored on an 88th-minute header to complete the rout.

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Quoted

"I know they'll never forgive me but on behalf of the players, forgive them."

Head coach of Canada Stephen Hart. With two years left on his contract, Hart said he has to consider his coaching future after Tuesday's crushing result.

MLB. Giants manager says Scutaro likely to play Game 3

San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy calls it a "good chance" second baseman Marco Scutaro will play in Game 3 of the NL championship series against the Cardinals on Wednesday after injuring his hip during Monday's Game 2.

Bochy said in a text message to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Scutaro is "doing fine."

Scutaro strained his left hip when the Cardinals' Matt Holliday crashed into him with a hard slide in Game 2 on Monday night.

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Second baseman Marco Scutaro grimaces as his leg is caught under a sliding Matt Holliday on Monday in San Francisco. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Als' Emry takes two weekly awards

Montreal linebacker Shea Emry picked up a pair of CFL weekly awards for his standout performance in the Alouettes' big win over division rival Toronto last weekend.

Emry picked up top defensive player and top Canadian honours. The native of Richmond, B.C., registered four tackles, one sack and one interception as the Als moved four points up on the second-place Argos in the East Division with a 24-12 win. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL. Owners approve sale of the Cleveland Browns

The sale of the Cleveland Browns to Jimmy Haslam III was unanimously approved by NFL owners Tuesday, and team president Mike Holmgren will be leaving the Browns at the end of the season.

A person familiar with the sale told The Associated Press that Joe Banner has been hired as CEO of the Browns to replace Holmgren. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because Banner's hiring and Holmgren's departure have not been announced.

Price tag

$1B

Jimmy Haslam bought the Cleveland Browns from Randy Lerner for $1 billion US.

Haslam, who built his fortune with Pilot Flying J truck stops, has been a minority owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, but divested that stock to buy the Browns.

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DRIVE 5

Bloodhound could eclipse free faller Felix in 2014

Want to go faster on Earth than skydiver Felix Baumgartner did returning to Earth? Then you'll have to get something like the Bloodhound rocket car. CONTRIBUTED

Land speed record.
British team will try to beat Baumgartner's gravity-pulled speed with blue torpedo-like vehicle in the desert

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Like millions, I was awestruck by the images of Felix Baumgartner on the steps of his capsule, 39 kilometres above the Earth — a height that reveals the curvature of our planet and the blackness of space. Then he jumped. Wow.

His moment of release had to be one of the wildest and conflicted sensations ever experienced by a human.

But it was only the prelude. Then he accelerated to 1,342 km/h (834 mph)! That's a crazy number for a thing not attached to jet power.

It's also quite faster than the existing land speed record. A British team and its Thrust SSC rocket-car, hold the record, at 763 mph. That was over 15 years ago and speaks to how difficult is it to get a human going that fast down here on earth.

The same British team is planning another "go" in 2014, with its new rocket car, the Bloodhound. Last time they went after the sound barrier. This time they're shooting for 1,000 mph. To make that happen Bloodhound's rocket is designed to generate 27,500 pounds of thrust, the equivalent of 80,000 horsepower.

Felix Baumgartner had zero horsepower, zero thrust. His speed was simply another reminder of gravity's immense power, and another opportunity to ponder about harnessing it for our energy needs.

A gravity-engine under the hood of your Ford? Don't hold your breath. For starters, gravity engines are so far only theoretical. Apparently there are a couple of laws of physics spoiling the reality party. Secondly, these theoretical engines are taller than they are wide, for obvious reasons, and not at all cool looking. I wouldn't sign up for one on aesthetic reasons alone.

And thirdly, gravity is actually a weak force. It worked on Felix because he was so small, and the big old Earth was so big. So if we ever do use it for transportation, it would be on the mass transit side. The most bizarre concept utilizing gravity has to be the Gravity Train proposed by British scientist, Robert Hooke, sometime in the 17th century. He proposed a series of tunnels drilled through the Earth. One could connect Spain with New Zealand for example. A train entering the tunnel at either end would accelerate toward the centre of the earth, and then gradually decelerate after the halfway mark. According to Hooke's calculations, if the train operated in a frictionless environment it would reach the surface at the opposite end of the tunnel at the exact moment its speed reached zero.

Even less ambitious proposals for harnessing gravity power seem far-fetched. Most people believe that if we haven't figured it out yet, it's not going to happen. This is essentially the same argument about time travel — we never solve time travel, because no one from the past or future has visited us here in the present.

I don't buy it… There was this creepy guy I saw at the mall once. I'm sure he was from the 1980s, he just didn't know it.

So there's hope for gravity engines too.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The more you do for friends and work colleagues today, the more they will do for you later on — and you will come out ahead of the game. Is that selfish? Maybe. But it's a higher kind of selfishness.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Your task today is to focus all your attention and all your energy in a single direction. Don't let your concentration stray for even a moment. You can achieve something extraordinary, but you've got to be single-minded.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Good things are going to happen over the next two or three days. Anything of a creative, romantic or artistic nature is under excellent stars at the moment. So, don't hold back. Give it all you've got.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
This is the ideal time to let partners and loved ones know how much you care for them. The Sun in the domestic area of your chart makes it easy for you to reveal your innermost thoughts and feelings.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Get out into the world and have a good time. Meet as many interesting new people as you possibly can. Don't worry about your work. It will still be there waiting for you when you get back — if you get back!

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You want to buy yourself lots of pretty things, no matter how much they cost. But can you afford it? Don't spend up to your credit limit now and spend the rest of the year living on bread and water.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Make the most of the opportunities that come your way over the next few days. If you don't, you will hate yourself for being too slow and indecisive. Find the courage to take the kind of risks most people avoid.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to decide what is going to be your number one aim — and you need to get after it today and every day until you have reached your ultimate goal. What moves you? What inspires you?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The more you work with those who share your aims and ideals, the more of a positive effect you will have on the world around you — and the more fun you will have.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are about to be tested and challenged like never before. Do you have what it takes to confront your inner demons? Do you have the strength to battle them and overcome them? Of course you do.

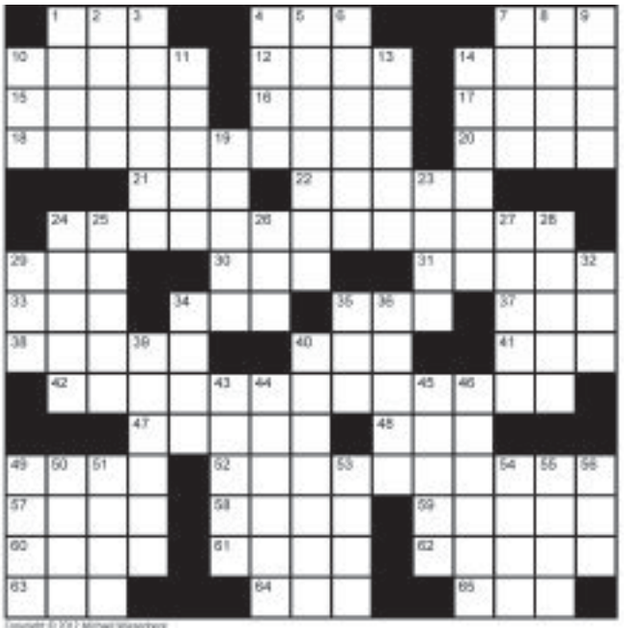
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have got to stand up for what you believe. Unless you are clear in your own mind what it is that's worth fighting for, you won't be able to persuade others to fight for it too. They need you to lead.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There seems to be a lot of deception and trickery going on at the moment, so it will pay you to be on your guard. Anyone who promises you the world for a small investment is either mad or bad — or both.

SALLY BROMPTON

A Range, a City, a Group, a Province

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Existed
4. Chicken ___ king (2 wds.)
7. By what means
10. African animal whose full name means "river horse"
12. Ship's spar
14. Mentally sound
15. Syrian president Bashar al-___
16. *Free Willy* star
17. French islands
18. They form the Alberta-BC border (2 wds.)
20. Exam
21. Wed. preceder
22. Playful caper
24. PEI city known as "The Birthplace of Confederation"
29. Corrida cheer
30. ___ Vegas
31. Comment made while fanning oneself (2 wds.)
33. Day's coolest temperature
34. "Shame on you!"
35. Parliamentarians, for short
37. 7th Greek letter (looks like an H)
38. "___ circumstances beyond our control ..." (2 wds.)
40. Alumna bio word
41. Small drink of liquor
42. Rock band from Kingston, Ontario, nine of whose albums have reached #1 in Canada; with "The" (2 wds.)
47. Native New Zealander
48. Duo
49. Country road
52. Maritime Province (2 wds)
57. Great poker start
58. Baker's frosting tool
59. Add ___ of salt: recipe direction (2 wds.)
60. Canadian Liberal, familiarly
61. Adorable
62. Farm storage buildings
63. Poivre tablemate
64. Ocean
65. Santa's helper

Down
1. Desire
2. Altar end of church
3. Aggressive ancient Greek city-state
4. Violently frenzied
5. Cowboy ropes
6. Climber's task
7. ___ and hearty: able-bodied
8. Single units
9. BC's Coast
10. Chapeau
11. Smell
13. Delicate discrimination
14. Funny TV series, for short
19. Jail units
23. Response to "Can that be true?" (2 wds.)
24. Influence, as in politics
25. Tree cutter
26. Acorn dropper
27. "___ Was Young": Animals hit (2 wds.)
28. What a dissatisfied diner may leave (2 wds.)
29. Stale
32. Open, as a keg
34. Greek garb
35. *Mad Max* actor Gibson
36. Animal skins
39. Least thrilling
40. Artless simplicity
43. Classical architecture style dating back to ancient Greece
44. Early spring bloomer
45. Workout spots for women, for short
46. Sweatshirt with a top
49. Brings up the rear
50. 4,047 square metres
51. Toronto-born rocker Young
53. Carpet measurement
54. Exaggerated, as a story
55. "That ___ no concern to you": "None of your business" (2 wds.)
56. Satisfied sounds

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

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Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	9	3	5		4			8
		6	9	1	7			
	2		3					
		5				4	8	1
7	6	4				2		
					9		7	
			1	8	3	5		
6			7		2	1	4	

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